

**Occupied
Palestinian
Territory**

**Gender equality and women's
empowerment in the occupied
Palestinian Territory (MDGF-1702)**



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| Total Budget: | USD 9,000,000 | | |
| Budget by Agency: | UNDP: 2,043,229 UNIFEM: 2,026,484 UNFPA: 1,325,163 | UNESCO: 776,525 UNRWA: 1,179,354 ILO: 1,649,245 | |
| Government Counterparts: | MoWA, MoL, MoH, MoEHE, MoSA, Mol, HJC, Bar Association, BCRD, TU, CoC, TVET Centers, Sabaya Center, Al Quds University, SAWA, Forum to Combat VAW (Al Muntada), Amal Coalition to Combat GBV, WAV, WATC, GUPW, MIFTAH, PFPPA, RWDS/PARC, NAMAA, PCBS, WPCs in Gaza, and Filistinyat., Birziet University_ Institute of Law, | | |
| Start Date: | January 30, 2009 | | |
| End Date: | January 30, 2012 | | |
| Extension: | | | |
| Disbursements: | 1 st Disbursement: | January 30, 2009 | USD3,545,917 |
| | 2 nd Disbursement: | October 13, 2010 | USD3,051,569 |
| | 3 rd Disbursement:: | | |
| In Brief: | <p>The program will promote Palestinian women's social, economic and political empowerment. It will aim to reduce all forms of gender-based violence by enhancing and increasing women's political voice; increasing their opportunities to obtain decent and productive work and improving their access to protection and justice.</p> <p>Six UN agencies will work with effective partners from civil society, the private sector and governmental institutions, following a rights-based approach, working on three strategic levels: grassroots, sub-central and central government. Interventions will include: formative research and lessons learned; capacity building of key institutions and organizations for advocacy for gender equality, gender-sensitive service delivery and monitoring of the MDGs; and an innovative mass media and communication campaign to raise popular support for gender equality. It will also include action: e.g., skill training and counseling; credit; women's leadership development. Conflict Prevention and Peace building.</p> | | |
| Expected Outcomes: | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gender-based violence and all forms of violence against women and the girl child reduced. 2. Representation of women's and women's issues in decision-making bodies increased. 3. Enhanced opportunities for women to participate economically, equally. | | | |
| Regions of Intervention: | National (West Bank and Gaza) | | |
| MDGs | MDG3 :T3A. Outcome 2 : study of gender gaps and effect on regulatory frameworks in relation to MDGs (April 2011) | | |

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| Beneficiaries to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. Institutions No. Women No. Men No. Ethnic Groups | Direct | Indirect | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Status | To be completed by the Secretariat (online system) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2011 biannual report: | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>TOTAL (100,00%)</th> <th>Transferred (%)</th> <th>Committed (%)</th> <th>Disbursed (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2009-2</td> <td>9,000,000.00</td> <td>37.24%</td> <td>9.99%</td> <td>7.14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010-1</td> <td>9,000,000.00</td> <td>39.36%</td> <td>35.42%</td> <td>17.07%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010-2</td> <td>9,000,000.00</td> <td>73.53%</td> <td>45.82%</td> <td>26.53%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011-1</td> <td>9,000,000.00</td> <td>73.53%</td> <td>34.74%</td> <td>46.97%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | Year | TOTAL (100,00%) | Transferred (%) | Committed (%) | Disbursed (%) | 2009-2 | 9,000,000.00 | 37.24% | 9.99% | 7.14% | 2010-1 | 9,000,000.00 | 39.36% | 35.42% | 17.07% | 2010-2 | 9,000,000.00 | 73.53% | 45.82% | 26.53% | 2011-1 | 9,000,000.00 | 73.53% | 34.74% | 46.97% |
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| Main Achievements: <i>(by expected outcomes)</i> | <p><u>National Policies, Strategies in place to address VAW & GBV:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Strategy to Combat VAW endorsed and institutionalized by PA ministries The action oriented research on VAW in the oPt is available as a policy development tool. The study on the analysis of all laws which impede women's participation in the labour market, finalized, training A training plan for training UNRWA counsellors and health personnel on counselling related to GBV and VAW is worked out in cooperation with the Referral system project under the CMHP. Policy brief (both in Arabic and English) produced on mainstreaming gender equality concerns in the Palestinian Cooperatives <p><u>Secure and access to enhanced services is available:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HAYAT multi-purpose center (legal, social, and economic empowerment) in Gaza is rehabilitated and furnished. Health providers, legal professions, MoSA Counsellors, Disadvantaged Youth, Religious Leaders, Rural Women, Staff Members from Ministries, PLC, Women and Youth NGOs, Women and Men CBO Staff, Volunteers, Community Assistants, were trained and equipped with skills related to the provision of assistance to victims of VAW and GBV Teachers and school counsellors were equipped with the needed skills to combat violence in schools <p><u>Media and Advocacy initiatives took place:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media strategy developed and widely discussed, presented and disseminated among relevant organizations (Gov., non-gov. and UNs) and will be adopted as a model for the youth media strategy which UNFPA and UNICEF will be supporting MoYS Development of a Joint Programme Website Films and documentaries were produced and disseminated widely among media institutions, universities, women and youth organizations 830 staff members from the ministries, PLC, women and youth NGOs were trained and equipped with the skills related to, VAW/GBV, Reading and Analysis of statistical figures related to GBV/VAW, Advocacy and lobbying 300 young volunteers equipped on peer education (gender equality, health and GBV) and capable of transferring the knowledge to their peers Participatory Gender Audit ToT for 30 gender advocates conducted. <p><u>Knowledge and Baseline data:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A guidebook developed in a participatory approach to eliminate Violence in schools | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A database system on women decision makers (PLC, municipalities, ministries, and political parties) is being developed and updated. • Three participatory gender audits at MoL, PGFTU and FPCCIA implemented. • Establishment of the National baseline on GBV in world of work. • Development of the first draft of the training curricula to be used to train lawyers / judges on provision of assistance to victims of VAW. • Databank about VAW - including DVS - and key data about women in senior levels meets the priority of the relevant ministries as well as the statistical calendar of the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics established <p><u>National Bodies formed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWECC established and its members identified. A set of meetings were held • Formation of Al-Amal Coalition in Gaza. <p><u>Economic Empowerment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 members of the trade unions and women NGOs are fully aware and trained on GBV and laws which impede women's participation the labor market. • Grants were provided for the establishment/development of 9 Income Generating Projects (IGPs) in 9 refugee camps in Gaza and for 18 in West Bank • Empowering 190 women to become leaders in their societies by providing training on leadership and gender -sensitive services has been provided , and involving 23 men from CBOs and the local refugee community • BDS providers are equipped with the skills to provide entrepreneurial skills training <p><u>Capacity Development “hard component”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 women clubs were equipped to attract women and host social activities. • Al Amal Coalition was equipped with the needed equipments |
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Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in its **tools/ activities/outputs/outcomes?** (example) JP under the gender thematic window.

| Observations | |
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| Paris Declaration | <p>Leadership of national and local governmental institutions: Good ownership of PA. Coordination unit based in MoWA which contributes to generating ownership and developing capacity of the Ministry. MoPAD is also involved at various levels of the governance structure (PMT, PMC and NSC).</p> <p>Involvement of CSOs and citizens: Civil society partners responsible for the implementation of JP activities. They are involved in the monitoring system including participatory monitoring workshops and field visits.</p> <p>Alignment and Harmonization: Fully aligned with PA's priorities. Promotes inter-ministerial coordination with mechanisms such as the national Women Employment Committee and the gender Audit team.</p> <p>Innovative elements in mutual accountability:</p> |
| Delivering as One | <p>Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices:</p> <p>Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs: RCO supports preparation of the NSC meetings and the submission of reports and fund transfer requests. One meeting between the two JPs reported besides the joint participation of the JP coordinators in</p> |

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| | <p>two regional events (February 2011, Jordan and June 2011 Morocco). Initial discussions on communications and advocacy have started and the development of a joint product is foreseen.</p> | |
| | <p>Inter-agency coordination:</p> <p>Coordination efforts at various levels are taking place, which is important since the design of the JP was fragmented, with many training activities that could potentially overlap.</p> | |
| Sustainability (concrete actions and strategic partnerships) | <p>Sustainability Plan in place? No</p> <p>Under development and to be submitted for NSC endorsement soon. Many elements already mentioned in the monitoring report.</p> | |
| Innovation and Scale-up | <p>Identification of those initiatives to be scaled up is part of the exit strategy and sustainability plan.</p> <p>Certain elements already promising in terms of innovations, such as the Multipurpose Centre for the protection and Empowerment of Women and families in Gaza.</p> | |
| External Factors and mitigation | <p>Palestinian legislative council elections and local council elections in July 2010 that were finally postponed.</p> <p>Very complete analysis of external difficulties and national context.</p> | |
| Communication and Advocacy | <p>C&A plan in place? Yes</p> <p>A communications and advocacy plan has been developed and launched. The main component is a media strategy. The plan does not necessarily cover the entire JP intervention but rather certain outcome.</p> | |
| M&E | <p>Every progress is contextualized explaining the baseline situation, which is useful, although sometimes there are questions regarding the attribution of results reported.</p> <p>The monitoring framework is very ambitious and produces a big amount of information. It is recommended to simplify it as much as possible so that it becomes a useful management tool for the PMC and PMT members.</p> | |
| Missions from MDG-F Secretariat: | <p>Date: December, 2009 March, 2011</p> | <p>Members: SDC/PFP SDC/PFP</p> |
| Mid Term Evaluation: | <p>Evaluator: Joel Beasca</p> <p>Period: October-December, 2010</p> <p>Link to final report and improvement plan</p> | |
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